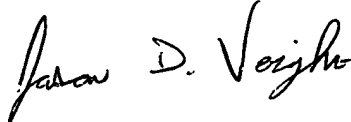


REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Marked-up version of amended claims to show changes made.**

17. (amended) The [probe of claim 1] process of claim 14, wherein the probe tube comprises an outer tube and an inner stiffening tube (14) which does not extend into the tip area (6) of the probe tube (4).